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Daniel T. Mytych et al.

THE DETECTION OF ANTIBODIES

TO ADENOVIRUS

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Kenilworth, NJ 07033 July 23, 2004

Mail Stop: AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a response to the March 23, 2004 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants have filed herewith a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 to extend the time of response by one month, up to and including July 23, 2004, and have provided for payment of the required petition fee, enclosed herewith. Thus, this response is timely filed.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.